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SUBJECT: BRITISH POLICY ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE

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1. AS A POSTSCRIPT TO EMBASSY LONDON'S EXCELLENT ANALYSIS
OF BRITISH POLICY ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE, IT SHOULD
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BE NOTED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN HAS A VISIT
PENDING TO ISRAEL NEXT MONTH. BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES
TELL US THAT THE SCHEDULE DRAWN UP SOME TIME AGO HAD
OWEN HERE FROM JULY 3-6, IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION
FROM THEN FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON.

2. NOW, WITH THE PENDING CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND A NEW

FOREIGN MINISTER (MOST PROBABLY MOSHE DAYAN) ABOUT TO BE INSTALLED, THE QUESTION OF THE OWEN VISIT IS ON THE FRONT BURNER. NO ONE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY, IS WILLING TO TAKE A POSITION WHETHER OWEN SHOULD COME OR NOT ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. SINCE IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT A BEGIN GOVERNMENT COULD BE IN PLACE MUCH BEFORE THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE, THE BRITISH EMBASSY IS CONCERNED AS TO HOW QUICKLY THE INVITATION TO OWEN COULD BE VERIFIED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HAVING CHEWED OVER INTERNALLY THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES, THE BRITISH EMBASSY, WE ARE TOLD, IS PREPARING TO RECOMMEND TO LONDON THAT OWEN PLAN TO COME AHEAD ON SCHEDULE. IF HE DOES COME, FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT, HE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE THE FIRST MAJOR FOREIGN VISITOR RECEIVED BY THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT (PERHAPS A NICE AND IRONIC TWIST TO HISTORY).

3. WE ARE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN AMMAN HAS CHIMED IN TO SUGGEST THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY VISIT JORDAN AFTER HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL. OUR SOURCES WERE NOT AWARE THAT DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THIS REQUEST BUT THEY THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTED.
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